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SUBJ: CIVAIR: FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCES

1. RECENTLY EMBASSY'S ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO CASE OF TRAVELLER WHO CROSSED NORTH ATLANTIC TO ROME UNDER TWO PIECE FREE BAGGAGE RULE (EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1977), STAYED IN ITALY MORE THAN TWENTY FOUR HOURS AND THEN CONTINUED ON DIFFERENT AIRLINE TO KINSHASA. TRAVELLER HAD TO PAY LARGE SUM IN EXCEES BAGGAGE CHARGES BECAUSE FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE ON ROME-KINSHASA LEG STILL DEFINED BY MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT.

2. CHECK WITH LOCAL TWA AND PAN AM MANAGERS INDICATES THAT ADEAQUATE WARNINGS AND INFORMATION NOT BEING GIVEN TO TRAVELLING PUBLIC. PAN AM HAS ISSUED "FORM 925-328230-BAGGAGE INFORMATION EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1977" WHICH IS SLIPPED INTO TICKET FOLDER. FORM EXPLAINS NEW TWO PIECE FREE BAGGAGE RULE AND RELATED RULES, BUT DOES NOT CLEARLY WARN TRAVELLERS THAT DISCONTINUOUS TRAVEL BEYOND COUNTRIES THAT HAVE AGREED TO NEW RULE CAN RESULT IN APPLICATION OF OLD FREE ALLOWANCE RULES AND STIFF EXCESS BAGGAGE FEES. TWA MANAGER SAID TWA DOES NOT PROVIDE WARNING ALONG WITH TICKET.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOGNIZING THAT FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE
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SITUATION NOW VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO TRAVELLERS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS, NEVERTHELESS, THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO REVIEW MEASURES TAKEN TO WARN TRAVELLING PUBLIC THAT DIFFERING FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE RULES NOW EXIST IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF WORLD THAT MAY IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES RESULT IN STIFF EXCESS BAGGAGE CHARGES. DEPARTMENT ESPECIALLY SHOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE WARNINGS IN TRANSPORTATION AND COMBINED

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